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HOLTER AND SCANNER

JOHN PEELER, HEART STATION COORDINATOR, is pleased to announce the purchase and receipt of a Holter and Scanner. This machine consists of two parts: the portable attachment which is worn by the patient and the permanent scanner here in the Center. While the patient wears this portable attachment, a tape monitors his or her heart for 24 hours. At the end of 24 hours, the tape is removed and scanned for abnormalities.

Using this Holter and Scanner, patients can continue their daily routine, without spending an additional or unnecessary day in the hospital, while physicians have a chance to see what effect the patient's way of life is having on his or her heart.

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SHORT PROCEDURES UNIT

MONDAY, APRIL 19, 1976, is the scheduled date for the opening of the Short Procedures Unit on 7A. The telephone number for surgical procedure reservations is 821-2053. Please dial 821-3017 for non-surgical procedures such as Colonoscopy, Angiogram, etc.

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NATIONAL MEDICAL LABORATORY WEEK

DURING THE WEEK OF APRIL 11-17, the nation joins in saluting the men and women whose scientific findings help the nation's doctors provide superior health care. One hundred and fifty thousand strong, they are the clinical pathologists, medical technologists, laboratory technicians and others who operate the nation's medical diagnostic laboratories.

The Hospital Center lab opened its doors on September 15, 1974 with a minimal amount of personnel and equipment. Today, our lab has increased in personnel and, with the use of the most modern equipment available, it offers vast services to the physicians and the public. We are proud of our lab and the personnel in it and appreciate the week of April 11-17 being set aside as National Medical Laboratory Week.

To honor the salute, the Lehigh Valley Society of Medical Technologists will be sponsoring displays at the Berkshire Mall in Reading, the Palmer Park Mall in Easton and the Whitehall Mall in Allentown. Two medical technicians from each participating Allentown hospital will be available at the display at the Whitehall Mall evenings throughout the week. They will be showing slides, talking about the four hospitals and distributing brochures.

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TONS OF FUN!

OUT OF CURIOSITY, the storeroom personnel (all 3 of them) began keeping records of daily deliveries made to the hospital, beginning October 1, 1975. In just six months (128 working days), they have had 1,810 deliveries totaling 28,564 pieces of merchandise and weighing 619,598 pounds. That comes out to nearly 2½ tons per day! Items received ranged in size from tiny transistors for the electronic technicians to huge pieces of equipment weighing well over a ton for the lab and radiology departments.

The storeroom also handles more than 500 stock items, including 133 different forms. They also store 90 items for the Operating Room, 72 for the lab, and 86 for the pharmacy. All the nooks are full and they're rapidly filling up the crannies.

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THE EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICE is still accepting reservations for the Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (Basic Life Support) classes to be held the weeks of April 26 - 30 and May 3 - 7. Our ultimate goal is to certify every staff member in the hospital: why not register today? You could save a life.

MED EXPLORERS AT SCOUT-O-RAMA

VIC STONEBRAKER, Chief Pulmonary Lab Technician and Medical Explorer Post Advisor, announced that the Medical Explorers will have an exhibit at the Scout-O-Rama to be held May 1, 1976, from noon to 8:00 p.m. at the Allentown Fairgrounds. The exhibit will include slides of the Hospital Center, while the Explorers themselves will be taking blood pressures and talking about their activities here at the Center.

PROFESSIONAL OFFICE BUILDING STATUS

ON MONDAY, APRIL 19, 1976, at 8:00 p.m. in the Hospital Center Auditorium, Attorney Fred Nabhan, Project Coordinator for the Professional Office Building Committee, will be presenting the final set of figures on the proposed building to all interested parties.

Indru T. Khubchandani, Chairman of the Building Committee, will be sending a final memo to the General Staff concerning building plans. After that memo, communications concerning plans and progress will be limited to prospective tenants.

HOUSEKEEPING APPRECIATION

WITH THE RELOCATION of the Cardiac Rehabilitation Unit and the institution of the Short Procedures Unit, the Hospital Center Housekeeping Staff has had quite a job on their hands readying seventh floor.

May we take this opportunity to thank Housekeeping, both for their extra work on seventh floor and for the fine job they do throughout the Center. A sincere thank-you from the rest of your co-workers.

AUXILIARY LAWN FESTIVAL

THE HOSPITAL CENTER AUXILIARY will be presenting their springtime Lawn Festival on May 15 and 16. Look for details of this grand event in the next Update.

HEALTH SERVICES FAIR

ON MAY 7 AND 8, the Allentown Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring a Health Services Fair to be held in the Agricultural Hall, Allentown. The Hospital Center Heart Station Staff, in conjunction with the EKG department at Allentown Hospital, will be available at the Health Fair to administer free screening cardiograms. Time is from noon to 9:00 p.m. on Friday, May 7 and from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 8. Screened cardiograms will be processed at the Hospital Center with copies sent to family physicians.

Also at the Health Fair, will be representatives from the Medical Explorer Post 916, who have volunteered their time to act as guides and registration clerks.